Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), P.L. 108-446

Under the requirements of IDEA, P.L. 108-446, the Bureau of Indian Education receives appropriated funding from the Office of Special Education for distribution to tribes, tribal organizations or consortia. The purpose is to “assist” states in child find, screening, parent training and other procedures for early identification and intervention. All Tribal programs that receive funds must have a bureau funded school on the reservation.

Part C (birth - 2 yrs. old) of IDEA is for the early identification of infants and toddlers who are “at risk of a developmental delay if early intervention services were not provided.”

Part B (3 - 5 yrs. old) of IDEA is for preschool children in providing a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) for children with disabilities. The use of funds for this age group is to “assist” States and allow for the provision of direct services.

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The Early Years

Current research emphasizes the early years as the most critical periods in a child's life. “Developmental milestones” are periods of a child's life that will establish the intellectual, social, emotional, and motor developmental foundations. All children develop differently and at their own pace. These developmental milestones indicate when a child is expected to move on to the next stage of development.

Please contact your tribal or state early childhood program if you have the following concerns:

- A child having difficulty with motor development (i.e.: crawling, walking).
- If you have a concern about a child's hearing or speech.
- If you think a family could benefit from early intervention services.

Each community or school conducts ongoing activities called “Child Find.” These activities are designed to help families in the early identification and support of healthy development. Participating in “Child Find” insures that a child will be able to progress and receive needed services early.

You can support, identify and, intervene early in a child's life.

“A child’s future lies in your hands”

Early Childhood Tribal Programs:

Cheyenne River Sioux
Chitimacha
Coeur D’Alene
Confederated Tribes of Colville
Crow Creek Sioux
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Fond du Lac Band
Gila River Indian Community
Hannaville
Havasupai
Hopi
Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas
Lac Courte Oreilles
Leech Lake Band
Lower Brule Sioux
Lummi
Menominee Indian
Mescalero Apache
Miccosukee
Millie Lacs Band
Mississippi Band of Choctaw
Muckleshoot
Navajo Nation
Nisqually
Northern Cheyenne
Oglala Sioux
Ohkay Owingeh
Oneida
Passamaquoddy Indian Township & Pleasant Point
Penobscot Indian Tribe
Pueblo of Acoma
Pueblo of Isleta
Pueblo of Jemez
Pueblo of Laguna
Pueblo of San Felipe
Pueblo of San Ildefonso
Pueblo of Santa Clara
Pueblo of Taos
Pueblo of Zia
Puyallup
Quileute
Rosebud Sioux
Sac and Fox
Salish & Kootenai
Salt River Pima-Maricopa
Saulte St. Marie Tribe of Chippewa
Seminole
Shoshone Tribe of Wind River
Shoshone-Bannock
Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate
Spirit Lake Sioux
Standing Rock
Three Affiliated Tribes of Fort Berthold
Tohono O’odham
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa
White Earth Chippewa
White Mountain Apache
Confederated Tribes and Bands of Yakama Nation
Yankton Sioux